



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Flammable Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizers in Corridors		
Code Section(s)	§7903.2.1.6.2 #15 California Fire Code (2001 ed)		
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Is it acceptable for alcohol based hand sanitizers to be dispensed from permanently mounted dispensers within the corridors in medical facilities?

No. The intent of constructing a one-hour fire resistive corridor within hospitals and medical facilities is to provide for a protected means of egress from one smoke compartment to another, or to the exterior. With this in mind, the amount of combustibles allowed within the corridor system (including those within nursing stations) is limited. Therefore, alcohol based hand sanitizer dispensers are not allowed within the fire-rated corridor system.